

# HOLY + FAMILY SCHOOL

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*Holy Family School, in union with Holy Family Parish, is a community that educates and inspires students in the Catholic tradition to grow in faith, to demonstrate academic excellence, and to model Christian citizenship.*

**Week 28 HFS Newsletter March 27, 2026**

## Principal Message

Dear Holy Family Families,

As we wrap up another week, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a great week at Holy Family, and we are so grateful for the strong community we share.

Last week, I shared a bit about our English Language Arts curriculum. This week, I'd like to highlight our math curriculum, HMH Into Math. This is a comprehensive, research-based program designed to build deep conceptual understanding, not just procedural skills. It emphasizes problem solving, critical thinking, and real-world application of math concepts. Students are encouraged to explain their thinking, make connections across concepts, and engage in meaningful mathematical discourse.

What I appreciate most about this curriculum is how it supports all learners while still maintaining high expectations. It provides opportunities for differentiation, enrichment, and intervention, ensuring that each student is both supported and challenged. Through consistent practice, collaboration, and a focus on reasoning, our students are developing strong mathematical foundations that will serve them well into high school and beyond. It is one more way we live out our commitment to helping students Achieve Academic Excellence each and every day.

As we look ahead to next week, we are entering a very special time in our Lenten journey. On Good Friday, our students will present the Living Stations of the Cross. This is a powerful and reverent experience, and a meaningful way for our students to reflect more deeply on the passion of Christ as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

I also want to share something personal—this is my first year working in a Catholic school, and I continue to be struck by how special this environment is. The way our students pray, the reverence they show, and the way faith is woven into each part of the day is truly something unique. It is a gift to witness, and it speaks so strongly to the partnership between school and families in forming our students in faith.

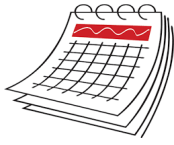
There is something especially meaningful about this time of year in a Catholic school. You can feel the reflection, the purpose, and the anticipation as we move toward the joy of the Resurrection.

And of course... spring break is just around the corner! We hope this upcoming time provides your family with an opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend time together.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Holy Family community.

Gratefully,

Julana Hardtke  
Principal  
Holy Family School



## Upcoming Events

Current events. See the [March Calendar](#) for all events this month.

### Current Events:

- Friday, April 3 - **Noon Dismissal**, No Afternoon Extended Care
- Monday, April 6 - Friday, April, 10th - **NO SCHOOL**, Easter Break
- Thursday, April 16 - All School Mass (5th Grade), 8:30 am

## Weekly Action Items

Look for information below on the following items:

1. Post Auction Sign Ups are open now - don't forget to check them out!
2. Sign up for the next round of pizza lunch!

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POST AUCTION SIGN UPS

Ahoy, mateys! 🗨️ Missed the grand auction—or were there but forgot to sign up? Fear not—there be still treasure to claim!

Follow the link below to seize yer loot:

- 🌟 Free Dress Pass
- 🎨 Auction Student Art
- 🍔 Cheeseburger Lunch
- 🎉 Fun teacher and volunteer-run experiences
- 🌟 Fund-a-Need

[Click here to sign up](#), and don't be waitin' too long—these treasures will vanish faster than a ship in the fog!

### LEADS NEEDED FOR 4/18 CAMPUS CLEAN UP

We will be doing our spring clean up on April 18th from 9-12, in addition to the normal outside clean up activities this spring we would love to have a group spring clean/organize the library, move items from the old outdoor sheds to our new sheds, and organize the vault (one of our storage closets). If you are interested in taking the lead on organizing this please [reach out to Mrs.Hardtke](#).

### EARLY LEARNING CENTER DONATION DRIVE

We're excited to announce that our new Early Learning Center will be opening soon! Help us build a strong foundation for future generations, please consider making a donation today.

[Click here](#) or use the QR code on the flyer to view the Amazon Wishlist.

# DONATION DRIVE

Our new Early Learning Center will open soon & we need YOU! Be a part of the center's legacy - please consider donating as follows:

- 1 Consider donating any of the following items (for children 0 months - 5 years)
  - Duplo's
  - Wood blocks
  - Train set
  - Wood Puzzles
  - Play food
  - Play dishes
  - Lacing blocks
  - Pattern block
  - Busy boards
  - Hinged interlocking blocks
  - Pegboards
  - Color sorting
  - Magnet tiles
  - Play dish toys
  - Books
  - Montessori toddler toys
  - Matching memory games
  - Math link cubes
  - Non-moving dinosaurs
  - Toy animals
  - Lincoln logs
  - Infant ringneck
  - Infant silicone blocks
  - Age appropriate stem toys

- 2 Shop our Amazon Wishlist!
 

Items can be shipped/delivered to Holy Family School (503-127-5555, Auburn, 98002)

For questions or to coordinate donations, please contact Michelle McCormack at mickyjeanne@gmail.com or (206) 331-5378 prior to bringing items, so we can avoid duplicates & overage.

## PARENT FORMATION

HFS parent Sarah Bartel is hosting a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and parent formation.

Please join us for a meeting on the following Fridays from 7:50 am to 8:25 am in the school library!

- April 17th
- May 8th
- June 5th

We look forward to seeing you there!

## HFS ENRICHMENT CLUBS NEWS

Plans are in the works for Latin Club, Book Club, Cupcake Club and Chess Club for the spring session to begin after Easter break.

**Track families:** "Homework Club" for track students began last week 3/23, and will continue each Monday during the track season. It's an unstructured chance for students to start on their homework after school that day before track practice begins. Sign up [HERE](#).

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering for library. This is a huge help to our teachers and allows them to have their plan during their library block. Thank you for your support.

[April Sign-up](#)

[May Sign-up](#)

## TRACK AND FIELD

The season is just getting started but parents and students in 4th – 8th grades are still welcome to join the Holy Family School Track and Field program.

Please reach out to [Mrs. Fox](#) with any questions.

[Click here to register](#)

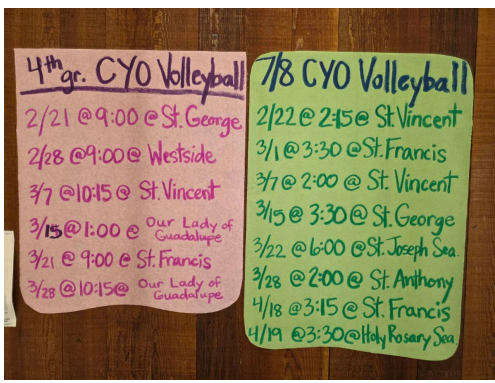
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## YEARBOOK PREORDER

It's time to pre-order your yearbook! Order by 4/30.

The website is [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com), and our school code is 13123826.



## 4TH AND 7/8TH VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season is underway and we have our 4th and 7th/8th grade teams playing.

See the photo for their schedule, and cheer on our HFS Hawks!

## PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Did you take photos or take videos of an HFS event?

If so, please share them with us at [photos@hfsauburn.com](mailto:photos@hfsauburn.com).

## SCRIP NEWS

### SCRIP

**Scrip commitment due date is May 4, 2026.** Choose big rebates to help reach or exceed the commitment!

Extending promotional rebates through March:(Orders at the Scrip store or school office only)

Land's End - 25% \$100 cards

Arby's - 25% \$10 cards

Support our local partners (20% rebates): Athen's Pizza & Pasta, Bigfoot Java, Duke's Seafood (Kent Station)

Other 20% options: Farrelli's Pizza, Crumbl Cookie, Ezell's

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### SPRING PIZZA LUNCH SIGN UPS

**Sign up via the online form** by Friday 04/10 using the button below to ensure your student gets pizza starting in January. This sign up is for pizza lunch from 04/15 - 06/10.

You will be charged via your Finals site account instead of sending in cash or check.

#### Volunteers Needed

Pizza Lunch can't happen without your help! If you're available, please consider signing up.

- [Serving Pizza](#)
- [Pizza Pick-Up](#)

Thank you in advance for supporting our middle school space camp program in this fun way! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Lara Kumar.

## HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER

Celebrate spring and Mother's Day while supporting our students!

If you need a copy of the order form sent home, please let Mrs. Torretta know.


We're excited to offer gorgeous hanging baskets that make a perfect gift for Mother's Day, teacher appreciation, family members, neighbors, or a beautiful way to brighten your own home this season.

**Order & Payment Window:** February 24 – April 20 (Square or check)

**Order Deadline:** April 20 (completed order form and payment required)

**Pick-Up:** Monday, May 4, between 3:00–4:00 PM in the HFS carpool parking lot

Questions? Email [lissettekelly@gmail.com](mailto:lissettekelly@gmail.com)



Support Our Kids & Brighten Your Spring with Hanging Baskets!  
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When you purchase a hanging basket, you're giving more than a beautiful spring gift—a portion of the proceeds directly supports your child and Holy Family School. Thank you for helping our kids and school continue to grow!

**Please Note:**

- Basket size, color, and flower varieties may vary.
- Basket size measurements listed on this page are estimates; baskets may vary.
- All baskets to be picked up during the designated pick-up time at Holy Family on May 4 (3-4 PM).
- Baskets cannot be picked up directly from the nursery.
- If ordering for others, it is your responsibility to check basket address one order slip (I check them at Holy Family).
- **Completed Email: [lissettekelly@gmail.com](mailto:lissettekelly@gmail.com)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

BASKET DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
 Purple	\$40 each	x	=
 Orange	\$40 each	x	=
<b>Total for Sheds + Sun (Exclude check or pay at Square) :</b>			

## Links

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[March Calendar](#)

[Scrip Order Form](#)



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